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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- Amend A*
1. **(Currently Amended)** A laser-markable transparent or translucent plastic, which comprises ~~A~~ a pearlescent pigment in combination with a laser-sensitive pigment ~~which does not exhibit any pearlescent effect, wherein the laser-sensitive pigment is composed of mica coated with one or more metal oxides, the nature and thickness of the coating(s) on the mica being such that no pearlescent effect occurs.~~
 2. **(Original)** A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, which comprises from 0.1 to 2% by weight of pearlescent pigment and from 0.1 to 1.0% by weight of laser-sensitive pigment, based on the weight of the plastic.
 3. **(Original)** A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the plastic is polyethylene, polypropylene, polyethylene terephthalate, polycarbonate or PVC.
 4. **(Currently Amended)** A laser-markable ~~plastic~~ plastics according to Claim 1, wherein the pearlescent pigment is composed of titanium dioxide-coated lamellae made of naturally occurring or synthetic mica, aluminum oxide, silicon dioxide, bismuth oxide chloride lamellae and/or basic lead carbonate in lamella form.
 5. **(Canceled)**